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Auspicious Opening of Ashland Public Schools

Ashland was astir early this morning. Good reason why, everybody had important business on hand. The public school bells rang out for the first time in three months. The mothers hustled around to wash Johnny's ears and braid Mary's tumbled locks in time to land them at the school house steps by 8:45. All who saw the merry and expectant faces on their way to the various seats of learning with the enthusiasm and vigor of youth must be bound to declare that the old worn out tale about school days being hard days is all a myth.

The Ashland public schools are open for the fall term. Superintendent Briscoe, his stenographer and the

showing some of the subjects in wonderfully magnified proportions. Many of the slides used in the machine are made by the teachers and students and are retained by the school for repeated use. The main floor of the right wing of the building is used for commercial subjects, music and art.

One floor of the left wing is used for manual training and mechanical drawing, and a portion of the upper floor for cooking and sewing classes.

West School or Junior High.

This building was erected in 1907 on the west side of North Main street and has for grounds from one and one-half to two acres. There are fourteen rooms, auditorium and



High School.

full complement of teachers, 33 in number, whose names appeared in the Tidings last Monday and of whom seven are new to the Ashland schools, are entering upon what promises to be one of the most successful years in the educational history of Ashland.

The schools are housed in three substantial and modern buildings, cuts of which appear on the first page of the Tidings today.

High School.

The high school building is located at the northwest corner of Mountain avenue and Iowa street on six acres of ground. There are 26 rooms in the building besides the auditorium, with a seating capacity of 300, and a gymnasium of the same size and well equipped with apparatus of various sorts.

This is the newest of the three buildings, completed in 1912, and in it is used the Plenum combined system of ventilating and heating. The fresh cold air enters through windows in the basement, being drawn in a strong draft by a swiftly revolving fan perhaps five feet or more in diameter. On the inside of the circumference of the fan wheel are sixty blades projecting toward the axle of the wheel which revolves the same as a vehicle wheel. This fan wheel forces the air through a large iron conveyor directly over the four oil-burning furnaces, where the air is heated and carried directly to the rooms through galvanized pipes. Each room is supplied with a thermostat which acts automatically and keeps the air at the desired temperature. The air is forced in at one end of the room and finds several exits. The system also provides for the use of cold air along with the air from over the furnaces and is so arranged and operated that every room is supplied with entirely fresh air every three minutes.

A standard electric time clock is used to ring all class bells both inside and outside the building. It is set once in the fall for the entire school year and acts automatically. The recitation rooms are furnished with arm chairs and a teachers' library cabinet. The right wing of the building downstairs is used entirely for the science department. It is equipped with the Bausch & Lomb projecting system for illustrating on the screen everything from maps to microscopic organisms. The opaque projection is used for post cards, maps and book illustrations. The microscopic and lantern slide projections are for bacteriological, biological and botanical work. For illustrations of chemical reactions the vertical projection is provided. The illustrations are thrown upon a screen about ten feet square, thus

basement. A wood-burning furnace supplies steam heat to all the rooms. There is complete equipment for manual training, sewing and cooking. The Junior high school, including the seventh, eighth and ninth grades, is just being organized and will be accommodated in this building in addition to the first six grammar grades from the west side of the city.

East Side School.

This is also a substantial brick building put up in 1906. It fronts on Siskiyou Boulevard and has eight rooms and basement. Three acres of land provide ample playgrounds for



West Side School.

the children. The first six grammar grades from the east side of the city are taken care of in this building. It is heated by a hot air gravity system with a wood-burning furnace.

General Conditions.

On each school ground is a tennis court, a basket-ball court, a volley-ball court and provision for indoor baseball games. The policy of the school board is against providing elaborate equipment for outdoor exercises, but organized games are encouraged and a physical director devotes a part of each day to the pupils at each building in teaching them the best games and helping them to play intelligently. Instead of the old form of recess each class leaves the room some time during the day for calisthenic work, and the last ten minutes of the period is for organized games. In bad weather the basements are used. The tendency all the time is toward lengthening the school day and the school year. The high school has a six-hour day and the other grades, except the first and second, have five and three-quarter hours. The school hours are from 8:45 a. m. to 11:45 a. m., 1 p. m. to 3:45 for the third to sixth grades and to 4 for the higher grades. After the close of school each day one hour is given over to a playtime under the direction of a teacher. All pupils are gladly kept on the grounds

Auto Camp Host To 1,500 Tourists

Over 1,470 automobile tourists have registered in the free auto camp ground at Ashland during the period from May 10 to August 31. Many using the grounds have not registered, and it is conservatively estimated that not less than 2,000 persons from many parts of the United States have spent one or more nights at the camp grounds this summer, many staying several days.

This camp is believed to be the first one ever established in the United States for the free and exclusive use of automobile tourists. During the summer it has proved to be one of the most attractive spots on the Pacific coast to travelers from many places, and from far and near have come praises for the great comfort it has brought to travel-stained sojourners. Among the localities from which the visitors have registered are Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Utah, Washington, Manila, P. I., and Peking, China.

These grounds are situated on the bank of Ashland creek among the trees and flowers in Lithia park, about ten minutes' walk from the Ashland postoffice. Ample space is provided for the parking of automobiles, a fresh cold water spring gushes out of the rock encasement close at hand, and a kitchen provided with gas plates and a locker for each plate stands among the trees at one side of the grounds. Through 25-cent slot meters the gas is furnished to the plates, and there is no other charge of any sort to all automobile travelers who care to use the grounds, the waters (fresh and mineral) and all the privileges of the parks.

Everybody Come To Club Meeting

The Commercial Club will hold a meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in their rooms. All members are strongly urged to be present and help start things off with a good boost for the fall campaign. All men of the city are invited to attend. Your presence and your ideas will be valuable.

The cattle industry of Oregon has declined 9 per cent since 1909 and the sheep industry 11 per cent in the same time, says the Department of Agriculture.

during this hour if the parents wish it, otherwise the children are sent home as soon as school is out. At the end of the hour all school work for the day is over and the children are not wanted on the grounds.

The school grounds of all three of the buildings have beautiful, well-kept lawns, shade trees, vines and bushes of many varieties. The West school building stands on the approximate site of the old Ashland Academy, where school was first conducted forty-four years ago. In the same old frame building the high school was housed for a number of years beginning in the early nineties. The present building is particularly beautiful with its wealth of vines which have clambered rapidly to high places on the walls.



East Side School.

Ashland is rightly proud of her school system, which has a high standing among the public schools of the state. The children who now have the opportunity to enjoy the beauties of their surroundings and the thorough instruction from competent teachers are fortunate indeed. Their parents are equally fortunate and are no doubt able to place the true value upon the advantages of living in an enlightened, intellectual and progressive community.

City Makes Money In Lithia Park

How many people in Ashland realize that \$569.35 has been taken in by the cup-vending machines in pennies and nickels in the last five months and four days ending August 31? This happens to be the case, and it has left the city handsome profit over the original cost of the vendors. For that matter, the net profit has paid for five months services of a man at \$39 per month for cleaning up and other work connected with the fountains.

This is one of the many ideas of the springs water commission, which should be installed to make the park and water system self-sustaining, but the lack of funds for initial investments has hampered the commission to carry out their ideas further than the installation of the cup vendors.

The following is an account of the receipts and expenditures of the cup vendors. The cups on hand have not been taken into consideration, and, if they were, it would show a still greater profit.

Receipts.	
March (four days) . . .	1.86
April	64.73
May	90.20
June	99.19
July	188.94
August	124.43
Total	\$569.35
Expenditures.	
35,000 cups at \$6.50 . .	\$227.50
Freight and cartage . .	10.50
on cups	238.00
Total	\$331.35
Original cost of eight vending machines less cash discount and including freight and cartage	132.68
Net profit	\$198.67

Lake of the Woods Lots for Campers

Will Dodge, who has just returned from a trip to Lake of the Woods and beyond, states that at the southern end of the lake, adjoining the old camping grounds, the government has completed the survey of ten lots, each 75 by 265 feet, to be leased to campers. The lots are leased from year to year at an annual rental of \$5 each, and each occupant has the first chance to release for each succeeding year. About half of the lots are already taken. It is understood that when these are all spoken for additional lots will be surveyed. Coleman and Reams of Phoenix have a special concession lot 150 by 265 feet on which they will put up tents with floors for campers next year. They expect also to have boats on the lake for rent to campers next year. There have been fine rainbow trout caught in the lake this year. The Lake of the Woods promises to become one of the most popular summer resorts for campers in southern Oregon.

Professional Artist In Lithia Park

Messrs. M. D. and C. H. Leisner of Pittsburg, Pa., are in Ashland for an indefinite stay. The former is a professional artist and was found in Lithia park by a Tidings reporter. He was comfortably seated in front of his easel with many colors spread out up his palette. A picture of the creek was taking form and gave testimony that Mr. Leisner is, indeed, a professional and understands his business. The gentlemen are brothers. Mr. C. H. Leisner is a musician and paints as a diversion, calling himself an amateur.

In January, 1915, the brothers started west, intending to make a tour of the world, but the great war upset their plans, so they are spending a year or two on and near the western hemisphere in studying and having a delightful time. They came west via New Orleans to San Diego, thence to San Francisco, visiting the exposition. From here they embarked for Honolulu and spent six months on the Hawaiian Islands. Next they came by a Canadian line to Victoria, B. C., and are now working south along the coast. Mr. M. D. Leisner lived and studied for ten years in France and Germany, and says that upon seeing the Olympian mountain range in Washington it reminded him much of the scenery in the Swiss and Bavarian Alps. The atmospheric effects are much the same, also, but of course the mountain proportions are much larger.

The McClallen hotel at Roseburg is to be remodeled into a sanitarium. The largest hotel in Portland—the Multnomah—is reported to have been sold to eastern people for something like one million dollars. It is said to have cost two million when built in 1912. About February 1, last, the hotel failed and closed its doors and has not been open to the public since. It is an immense structure, covering a whole block. As soon as arrangements can be made the hotel will be reopened.

Railroad Strike Averted By Congressional Enactment

The great railroad strike threatening to tie up the roads all over the United States and stop car wheels to an extent never before known in this country has very happily been averted.

The passage of the eight-hour day by congress solved the immediate difficulties, and three hours after the bill was through the upper house the heads of the employees' brotherhoods of four great railroads throughout the country notified their general chairmen to cancel the order to strike, which otherwise would have gone into effect at 7 o'clock this morning.

The vote in the senate on the legislative enactment to prevent the strike was 43 to 28, practically on strict party lines, and was taken during exciting moments. Many representatives of both the leading political parties fought hard to insert amendments to the bill, which were framed to prevent future industrial disturbances, but these efforts were unsuccessful. But a few minutes elapsed in both houses, following passage by the senate, before enactment was signed and it went at once to the White House.

The measure that was successful in averting the strike provides that after January 1, next, eight hours shall be the basis upon which a day's pay shall be calculated for employees of railroad trains engaged in interstate commerce, except roads

less than 100 miles long and electric lines. Pay for work over eight hours shall be on a pro rata basis, and the rate of pay shall not be changed for from six to nine months, during an investigation of the effect of the eight-hour day upon the railroads.

The effects of a strike of these proportions were dwelt upon at length in papers throughout the land. Many instances were cited to show the far-reaching effects of so stupendous a labor disturbance, and no doubt numerous results which would soon be apparent were overlooked in the prognostications of those attempting to forecast the difficulties which might arise.

Many passenger trains were crowded during the last hours preceding the hour for the strike to take effect, and shipping bills issued by the railroads were marked "subject to indefinite" delay, or words to this effect. The railroad offices along the line had also issued warnings to travelers that all not reaching their destinations by Sunday night would be subject to delay.

The happy ending of so great a matter is cause for universal congratulation throughout the land. Probably the greatest suffering which would be caused by such a strike would be among the people of the cities, who are most quickly affected by disturbances in transportation. However, those of the small towns are thankful for the outcome, as well.

Ashland Night at Medford Concert

The usual weekly concert which will be given by the Medford City band at the City park in Medford has been designated "Ashland night" and a large crowd of Ashland musical enthusiasts is expected to invade our neighbor city. Bandmaster Rowland has arranged an excellent program, which will include several numbers by "special request." The following is the program, which will commence at the usual hour, 8 p. m., Tuesday evening:

The Star Spangled Banner March, "United Emblem" Brown Concert Waltz, "La Serenata" Overture, "La Burlesque" Suppe Cornet solo, "The Little Grey Home in the West" Novello Bandmaster Rowland. Descriptive, "Hunting Scene" Bucalossi Selection, "Mikado" Sullivan Novelty, "Egyptia" Garson March, "Red Diamond" Moreland America

Dunsmuir Band Gives Fine Concert

Yesterday afternoon the Dunsmuir band of twenty-five pieces gave a splendid concert at the main bandstand in Lithia park. Fourteen selections were well rendered by the band, and Miss Charlotte Simington sang a delightful solo. The applause was so hearty that she gracefully responded to the encore. There are four Simington boys among the players, the youngest, Freddie, being but nine years old. He plays second alto. Mr. H. D. Hill is the director and is to be congratulated upon the efficiency shown by the players, many of whom are young boys. The band returned to Dunsmuir on No. 15 Sunday.

Charter Committee Before Council

A committee from the Commercial Club has been appointed by the trustees to take up with the members of the city council at their meeting Tuesday evening the matter of the proposed charter revision relative to the consolidation of the park board and the springs water commission. The members of this committee are W. J. Moore, J. W. McCoy and F. D. Wagner. They will have a draft of the revision amendment to present to the council.

A furniture factory is being rejuvenated and fixed up at Albany to begin work making furniture.